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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICEOf Special Interest This Week

+ SOVIETS ON U.S.-IRAN ARMS FOR AFGHAN RESISTANCE -- The Soviet press agency TASS reported on 16 June that DIA Director General Perroots had met in Ankara in mid-May with Iranian representatives to discuss sending U.S. arms to Afghan resistance elements in Iran and to Iran itself. The TASS item aroused considerable interest at DIA and State INR. At INR's request, FBIS checked Moscow's international services to see how the report was being played on those broadcasts. INR stated it suspects Moscow is engaged in a disinformation campaign. INR was to use the information supplied by FBIS in a briefing paper for Secretary of State Shultz. [ ]

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+ FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE'S INTERVIEW -- On 17 June the FBIS Television Center combined efforts with London Bureau to bring to Agency consumers a Soviet television interview with Edward Lee Howard, a former CIA employee who defected to the Soviet Union. The interview, monitored by London Bureau from a Soviet satellite and relayed to FBIS via Internet, was shown on Channel 11 of the Headquarters TV grid. FBIS supplied a translation of the interview to interested Agency offices, including the Directorate of Operations and the Office of Security. [ ]

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+ COVERAGE OF HAITIAN EVENTS -- As a prelude to the coup in Haiti, FBIS supplied the first report to the Intelligence Community on 15 June on Haitian Colonel Paul barricading himself in barracks and defying an ordered transfer to a staff post in the capital. A NOIWON was called on the basis of the FBIS report.

Following the 20 June coup, FBIS' contractor in Port-au-Prince, disregarding her personal safety, managed to get to the embassy that day and resume coverage from Haitian public media. Because international phone lines were not functioning, she filed her material via Embassy channels to Key West Bureau for dissemination to FBIS consumers. [ ]

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